carry out standard construction work with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 826.

(b) to (e) These quarters are old quarters which can be termed as "sub-standard" when compared with the standards of to-day. A detailed survery has been conducted to assess the deficiencies in these quarters and programme chalked out to provide various amenties so as to bring these quarters at par with the standard quarters. Work in this regard is being taken up in phases subject to availability of funds.

**Funds sanctioned for construction of Railway Staff Quarters**

1807. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have sanctioned the funds for construction of railway staff quarters in the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details of allocation of funds for each zonal railway and what is the number of staff quarters to be constructed Station-wise in each zonal railway in this year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Rail Yatri Nivas Suvidha in Gujarat**

1808. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide Rail Yatri Nivas Suvidha at Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat, Junagarh, Dwarka Railway Stations of Gujarat State in Western Railway;

(b) if so, the number of Railway Guest Homes which are available at various station in city-wise Railway Stations of Gujarat State as on 30th June, 1993;

(c) the mode of charges and facilities provided in these Guest Houses;

(d) whether the passengers get easily accommodations in these guest houses during sessional holidays;

(e) whether Government propose to construct new Rail Yatri Nivas Suvidha Buildings in Gujarat in year 1993; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Surrendering of Funds provided for passenger amenities**

1809. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by and large all Zonal Railway are surrendering even the meagre funds provided for passenger amenities;

(b) if so, whether during 1989-90, 1991 and 1992-93 against allocation of Rs. 65 Cr., 77 Cr., Rs. 74 Cr. for safety

work and passenger amenities Rs. 9 Cr., Rs. 16 Cr., Rs. 14 Cr., respectively were surrendered not spent;

(c) what are the main reasons for non-utilisation of these funds; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to utilize the allocated funds for providing passenger amenities during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Allotments of Rs. 65 crore, Rs. 77 crore and Rs. 74 crore during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 were under Accident Compensation Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund (ACSPF). This fund includes not only the passenger amenity works but also works under several plan heads *viz.*, Doubling, Traffic Facilities year Remodelling & Others, Bridge Works, Signal and Telecommunication Works, etc. Non-utilisation of these funds fully is on account of several factors such as delay in the availability of site for construction supply of materials, failure of contractors, etc.

(d) The progress of work/expenditure under the Plan head Passenger Amenities is being monitored closely at various levels. The Ministry of Railways is also reviewing the progress periodically.

**Shortage of Wagons**

1810. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of Wagons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have placed orders with the wagon manufacturers, for only six months as against a years orders;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State-of-Art locomotives from A.B.B. the Railways are acquiring would become idle for non-availability of wagons; and

(d) if so, whether the Railways propose to defer the acquisition of the A.B.B. Locomotive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Orders were inititally released for 6 months pending review of wagons requirement in the face of traffic offerings to Railways not materialising as per expectations. Subsequently, orders have been placed covering the period October-December 1993 also.

The need to place further orders for the period January-March 1994 is under review-keeping in view the trend of traffic.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Bomb Balsts in Dimapur Railway Station**

1811. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were two bomb balsts recently in Dimapur Railway Station;

(b) if so, what were the causes of these blasts, the lives lost injured in these blasts; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avert such bomb blast in future and the details of compensation paid by Government to the relatives of those killed and injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Government of Nagaland has reported that there was one bomb blast at the Dimapur Railway Station.

(b) The bomb made of TNT was suspected to be placed by underground activists. It was hand-made and included cut pieces of 12mm M.S. rods.

Six persons, including one Official from the Assam Rifles were killed on the spot and 32 civilians including 3 Assam Rifles